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Case No. 2171-42956

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In re Application of)
Thomas C. Frampton) Group Art Unit:
Serial No.:) Examiner:
Filed: October 24, 2003)
For: BALL AND SOCKET ASSEMBLY FOR)
SUSPENDING AN OBJECT FROM A SLOPED)
SURFACE)

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Mail Stop Patent Application
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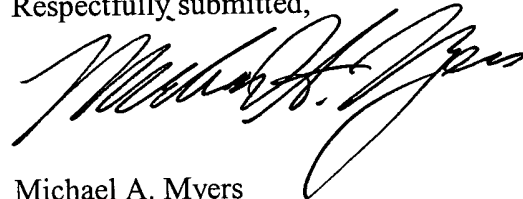
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It is believed that none of these references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest the claimed invention. Applicant, therefore, requests that the Examiner review the entire disclosure of each reference and make the listed references of record in this case.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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